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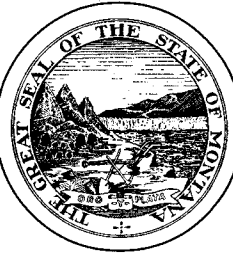
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To: State Administration Committee

From: Kelly Williams, Administrator
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RE: SB 235: Establish SW Montana veterans' home

Please find enclosed a hard copy of the Veterans Long Term Health Care Needs Study.

The 59th Legislature directed the Department of Public Health and Human Services to conduct an analysis of Veterans Long Term Health Care Needs. The Legislature requested that the study include an analysis of the demographics of the Montana veterans' population, including the number and age of veterans in each county and an analysis of the services currently available to meet veterans long term care needs and the need for additional long term care services. The long term care assessment for veterans included an evaluation of the need for nursing home, domiciliary and specialized services such as dementia/Alzheimer care, as well as, various types of community and in-home care options that are available and may be needed. Additionally the existing State veterans' home services and configuration of those services was analyzed.

A copy of this study is also available in Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) online at the division's website at:

<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/sltc/aboutsltc/reports/VetsStudy.shtml>

Please feel free to contact me at 444-4147 if you have any questions about this study.